

A photograph of a cafe interior. In the foreground, a man with a backpack is looking at his phone. In the background, several people are sitting at tables, some looking at their phones. The cafe has green chairs and wooden tables. The text is overlaid on a white box in the center of the image.

STUDY 6

FAITH WORKS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

JAMES 4:1-12

Last week we saw how faith in Jesus should bring about genuine change - a change of heart that should impact every area of life including our words. This week James focuses on how the gospel will change the way we live in community...

4. What's "friendship with the world"? What damage does it cause?

5. Is James calling us to physically separate ourselves from the world, or does he have something else in mind here? [see bible passages in the *sidebar*]

6. Isn't jealousy a bad thing? What does it mean that 'God is jealous'? How does that affect us?

7. How does pride get in the way of responding to God appropriately? Why does God value humility? (v6-10)

James 1:27

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

John 17:14-18

¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

